HOW TO PREPARE A ROOM FOR PAINTING
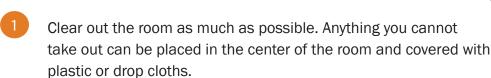
Here are some basic tips to help you prepare for your painting project.

1 Clear out the room as much as possible. Anything you cannot take out can be placed in the center of the room and covered with plastic or drop cloths.

2 Scrape and sand any loose of flaky paint with paint scrapers or sand paper. If necessary, sand to the bare surface until the surface is smooth.

3 Using a putty knife and spackle, fill in all holes, cracks and imperfections. After the spackle has dried, sand again to smooth the surface. Repeat as necessary.

4 Wipe down walls and trim with rags to remove dust and loose particles. Dust and vacuum up and debris that remains.

5 Remove all outlet plates, switch plates and air vent covers. Using FrogTape Multi-Surface painter's tape, mask around molding, windows, and doors and any switch or fixture that wasn't removed.

-- Use caution when masking over or around outlets.

-- Apply FrogTape so that the edge is flush against the surface to be painted and then press down alond the tape edges with a putty knife or 5-in-1 tool to help ensure a good seal.

6 Cover your floor with drop cloths or plastic to protect from any paint splatter.

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HOW TO APPLY

There are no special techniques or methods that you need to use with FrogTape. Here are some general tips for applying painter's tape to trim or other surfaces.

Applying Painter's Tape:

1. Clean the surface to be masked. Make sure it is dust-free and dry.

2. If the surface has been recently painted, make sure the paint has cured. Please refer to the FAQ page of FrogTape.com for more information about cured paint.

3. For accurate placement, adhere FrogTape in short sections to avoid stretching the tape.

4. Make sure FrogTape is flush to the edge that you will be painting.

5. Using a putty knife or 5-in-1 tool, press the tape you laid to burnish it to the surface you are masking.

   -- If you are taping on a textured surface, some specialized taping techniques might be required. See the "How to Tape on Textures" article for more information.

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HOW TO REMOVE

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Removing Painter's Tape:

1 Remove the tape immediately after you are finished painting. This will help prevent paint from bridging over the tape and tearing when you remove it. When latex paint begins to dry, it becomes rubbery (like a rubber band) and has a tendency to pull.

2 Remove the tape slowly and pull at a 90-degree angle.

3 If the new paint does begin to tear, gently score the edges with a razor blade.

4 If the tape begins to tear the wallboard when it is being removed, this likely means you have masked on a poorly bonded surface. Try softening the tape's adhesive with a blow dryer.

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HOW TO TAPE ON A TEXTURED SURFACE

If your surface is lightly textured, using a specialized technique may not be necessary. Be sure to firmly press the tape edges down using a putty knife or 5-in-1 tool. It's always a good idea to test your taping skills before taping off and painting an entire room.

Splatter or Orange Peel Texture

Knockdown or Skip-Trowel Texture

Getting a clean line on a texture surface with FrogTape alone can be tricky. It is vitually impossible to fill in all of the nooks and crannies that a texture surface has. If FrogTape doesn't get completely pressed down into every crevice on your textured wall, paint will leak underneath.

Here are two different techniques professional painters use:

Technique 1: Bascoat Color

If you have the basecoat color that you are applying the masking tape on, apply FrogTape and paint the edge of the masking tape with a light coat of the basecoat color to seal the tape edge in the low spots of the texture.

Allow the paint to dry and then paint using your contrast color.

Technique 2: Paintable Caulk

Apply FrogTape and then apply a paintable caulk to the edges of the tape.

Wipe the excess caulk.

Allow the caulk to dry and then paint.